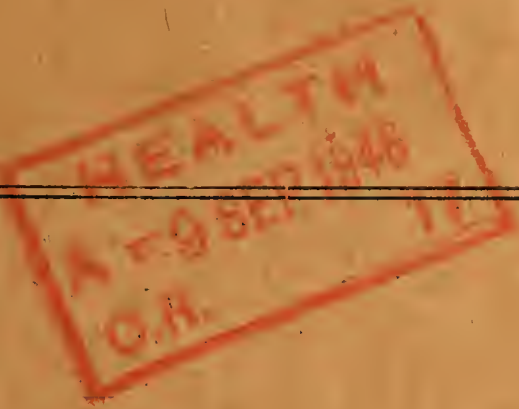


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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report for the year 1945.

As we were under war conditions (more or less) there is not a great deal to report.

Vital Statistics.—I have now received from the Registrar-General the corrected deaths, the corrected births (in both cases those **registered** during the year from January 1st to December 31st) and the estimated mid-year population of 4,764. The comparability factor is not available for 1945.

Births.—The total of Live Births was 58—30 male and 28 female. Of these 7 (2 male and 5 female) were illegitimate. This gives a rate of **12.1** per 1,000 population per annum.

The birth-rate seems to be falling. It was 19.8 in 1944. The 1945 England and Wales rate per 1,000 civilian population was 16.1.

There was one male Still Birth.

The births include those born in Halifax Hospitals and outside the district.

Deaths.—There were 31 male and 35 female deaths, a total of 66, being a death-rate of **13.9** per 1,000 per annum. The England and Wales rate was 11.4. In 1944 the local rate was 15.07.

As to ages of death, the youngest was 25; there were other 13 up to 60; 15 of 60 years and under 70; 23 over 70 and under 80 and 14 over 80 years.

Causes of deaths were:—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	.....	.....	3
Cancer	.....	.....	12
Intra-cranial lesions	.....	.....	9
Heart diseases	.....	.....	22
Bronchitis	.....	.....	3
Pneumonia	.....	.....	3
Ulcer of Stomach	.....	.....	1
Other digestive diseases	.....	.....	1
Nephritis	.....	.....	5
Other causes	.....	.....	7

There were 5 Inquests with 3 post-mortems.

Infectious Diseases.—Notifications were comparatively common—a total of **129** but **110** of these consisted of **Measles**, carried on from the end of 1944. There were **4** cases of **Whooping Cough**; **one** of **Acute Pneumonia**; **one** of **Erysipelas**; **12** cases of **Scarlet Fever** (8 of whom were removed to Hospital) and **one** of **Diphtheria** (also removed to Hospital and detained for 7 weeks and 4 days at a cost of £28 7s.). He had been immunised. Influenza was prevalent in the early part of the year and Gastro-enteritis (or Diarrhoea) was quite prevalent throughout the year.

Tuberculosis.—One case of the Pulmonary form was notified. Three cases of the Pulmonary form were removed from the Register on account of death leaving 12 Pulmonary and 12 Non-Pulmonary.

I should like to mention a few good points:—

There were no deaths of infants under 1 year.

There were no deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 years.

None of the cases of Infectious Disease died (apart from Tuberculosis).

There was no death from Puerperal Pyrexia.

Only one case of Diphtheria was notified. (Prior to 10 years ago it was much more prevalent.

Diphtheria immunisation continues but still more ought to be done.

Nuisance Inspections made in 1945 were 144 of which 5 needed abating. Four informal and one Statutory Notices were served and all complied with.

Drainage and Sewerage.—There were no Sewer extensions during 1945 but investigation is in progress for the extension of the Rishworth Sewer. Extension is necessary in other parts. 516 houses are not connected to sewers.

Sewage Disposal Works.—One new sludge bed has been provided at the Ripponden Wood Works. Otherwise the works are adequate.

Closet Accommodation.

Number of Privies with open middens	79
Number of Pail or Tub Closets	69
Number of Privies with covered middens	144
Number of Water Closets	1186
Number of waste Water Closets	30
Number of additional closets provided in 1945 as W.C's	3
Total number of closets in district is 1,508—80.6% being on the water carriage system.	

Scavenging.—Public Scavenging is in operation throughout the whole district. 100% of the refuse is disposed of by tipping.

Water Supply.—The source of supply is springs at Black House, Soyland and Rishworth Moor.

The total number of dwelling houses in the district is 1,787, the number on the public supply being 1,162. There has been no extension of public supply during the year. Supply has been satisfactory in quantity and quality.

Milk Supply.—The number of Cow-keepers in the district is approximately 106. There was a total of 180 cow-shed inspections. The milk question is being dealt with.

Housing.—No house was built during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. W. STEPHEN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

July 8th, 1946.

